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Green Community Task Force Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2011

Present: Members - P.Slaterry, J. McQuaid, E. Sund, N. Sullivan, Z. Cutting, Steven DiCampo
Town Liaisons- M. Benson, J. Londa

1. P. Slaterry called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The minutes for 3/9/2011 were reviewed and approved.
2. M. Benson informed us that EOSOL Americas will make a presentation to the GCTF on 6/ 6/ 11 regarding a 120 acre solar field on Chase Road. Members were directed to their website for background information: www.eosolamericas.com
3. P. Slaterry reported on the meeting with the Board of Selectmen on 5/17/11. They conditionally approved a motion to move forward with the RFP for the Youngs Road landfill solar field pending the approval of the GCTF. Net metering is still an unknown factor but the cost of electricity (.078/KWH) would be locked in for 20 years for substantial savings to the Town.
E. Sund noted that the Board of Selectmen acknowledged all of J. Londa's work on the project. Only one bid was received from Borrego Solar. They will use two separate areas on the site and coordinated the connection to Unitil. The Town could purchase the system after 20 years for \$1.00. If approved, net metering should continue for the lifetime of the project as determined by the State DPU and produce additional revenue for the Town.
S. DiCampo made a motion that the Green Community Task Force recommend to the Town Manager to enter into contract with Borrego Solar for the proposed solar field on the Town landfill negotiating for a reduced price for electricity and confirmed net metering while utilizing the resources of the Green Community Task Force to accomplish these goals. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. J. Londa and Z. Cutting will meet with the Town Manager to help with negotiations.
4. S. DiCampo made a motion to table the discussion on solar hot water until the next meeting. Seconded and passed.
5. M. Benson reported that the Montachusett Energy Plan is two-thirds completed. The data will indicate future energy needs of the region.
6. P. Slaterry also reported to the Board of Selectmen that the GCTF is preparing an Article for the Fall Town Meeting regarding the Green Communities Act. Acceptance of the Stretch Code is still problematic. A public presentation will be made with information on the pros and cons of acceptance. The Town and residents can do many "Green" initiatives without the formal designation. Members should bring a list of pros and cons to the next meeting for discussion.
6. Our next meeting will be on 6/6/11 at 7:00 P.M. D. Blatt will chair the meeting.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McQuaid
Joanne McQuaid, Secretary

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